



NCAS Basketball Program 2024-25

About the Academy

Established in 1989, the North Coast Academy of Sport (NCAS) is dedicated to fostering athletic excellence among young athletes in the NSW coastal region, extending from Laurieton to Tweed Heads. As a non-profit organization, NCAS collaborates closely with state and regional sporting associations to offer programs across various sports.

About the Basketball Program

The NCAS Basketball Program is a crucial component of the Basketball NSW Performance Pathway, focusing on identifying, developing, and enhancing the skills of promising young basketball players. As a foundational element of the Basketball NSW High Performance Program, the NCAS Basketball Program selects athletes who demonstrate the potential to advance to state or national levels, categorizing them as either performance or development players.

The program includes intensive training days and camps, complemented by an athlete education and performance support program. Select squad members may also have opportunities to tour and represent NCAS at tournaments. This program is officially endorsed by Basketball NSW.

In 2024, NCAS will conduct 1st and 2nd round trials for the basketball program. The 1st round trials will be region-specific, divided into the Far North Coast and North Coast regions. Successful participants from these trials will be invited to the 2nd round trials in Coffs Harbour, where a final squad of 20 boys and 20 girls will be selected.

Trial Regions:

- **Far North Coast:** Tweed to Yamba
- **North Coast:** Grafton to Laurieton

All participants must attend the trial within their respective region.

Selection Trial Date & Venue

1st Round Trials - Far North Coast

When: 6th October 2024

Location: Lismore Basketball Stadium

Time: 10am – 2pm

Trial fee: \$35 (invoiced upon close of applications)

1st Round Trials - North Coast

When: 13th October 2024

Location: Sportz Central

Time: 10am – 2pm

Trial fee: \$35 (invoiced upon close of applications)

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2nd Round Trails (Final Selections)

When: 20th October 2024

Location: Sportz Central

Time: 12pm – 4pm

Eligibility to Apply

To be eligible for NCAS selection, the athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Male and female athletes born within the years 2010–2013 inclusive.
2. Reside in the North Coast Local Government Areas of Tweed, Byron, Lismore, Ballina, Kyogle, Richmond River, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Bellingen, Nambucca, Kempsey and Port Macquarie-Hastings.
3. Must be a current financial registered member of a Basketball Association in the North Coast.
4. Be available to attend the selection trials if all other selection criteria are met.
5. Display the potential to progress through the Basketball NSW Pathway.
6. Demonstrate a dedication to improving performance.
7. Complete and submit an online application form by **30th September 2024**.

Selection Criteria

From the selection trial, the Selection Committee will select athletes into the NCAS Basketball program based on the following criteria:

1. Performance at the Basketball Trial event
2. Fundamental skills (based on performance and assessment at the trial)
3. Ability to interact with others and demonstrate team-play skills
4. Conduct and attitude (based on performance and assessment during the trial)

Squad Selections

The NCAS Basketball Program will select training squads of 20 male and 20 female athletes born 2010-2013.

Academy Games Teams

The Academy Games teams will consist of 10 male and 10 female athletes. Selections for touring teams will take place in early March 2025.

Program Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change; the final program will be made available to selected athletes.

Camp	Date	Venue
Far North Coast Trials	6 Oct 2024	Lismore Basketball Stadium
North Coast Trails	13 October 2024	Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour
2 nd Round Trials	20 Oct 2024	Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour
Induction & Education Camp	23-24 Nov 2024	Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head
Session 1 – Training Session	11 Jan 2025	Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour
Session 2 – Training Session (2 days)	8-9 Feb 2025	Port Macquarie Indoor Stadium
Northern Inter-Academy Camp	21-23 Feb 2025	Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour
Session 3 – NCAS Camp (2 days)	8-9 th March 2025	Lismore BB Stadium (TBC)
Session 4 – Training Session (2 days)	22-23 rd Mar 2025	Wiigulga Sports Complex
Session 5 (Hub Training)	1 st Week Apr 2025	Regions - TBC

Academy Games	11-13 th April 2025	Tamworth, NSW
NCAS Academy Awards	11 th Oct 2025	TBC

Further Information

If you have any queries, please contact Claire McCulloch, NCAS Sport Programs Manager on 0448 899 681 or programs@ncas.org.au.

Please accept my best wishes for you in the upcoming trial.

Yours Faithfully,



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